

REMARKS

Claims 42-43 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 22-41 remain in the Application. Further examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, claim 42 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aihara in view of Kitahara. In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 43 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aihara in view of Koike. Applicants have cancelled claims 42 and 43 without prejudice at this time in order to speed prosecution of this case.


In Section 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 22-41 were allowed. Applicant wishes to express his appreciation for the allowance of these claims.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefore.

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